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EAGLE PASS, TEX., *October 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Evidence accepted here by Service and State representative that passenger traffic is not from infected places in Mexico comprises statement under oath by passenger, corroborated by examination of railroad ticket, marks on baggage, and report of railroad officials. Reata, on Mexican International Railroad, in Coahuila State, is key to passenger traffic to Eagle Pass from infected localities in Mexico. Mexican quarantine authorities have established detention camp there. Will report as observations are completed. Address me care Hume.

LUMSDEN.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *October 12, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Made practically house-to-house inspection Quemado; found 8 cases undoubted malaria; no indications yellow fever. River there now high, consequently very few attempt crossing from Mexico. Consider my remaining longer at Eagle Pass unnecessary. Hume is handling situation well.

LUMSDEN.

WASHINGTON, *October 13, 1903.*

LUMSDEN, *Care HUME, Eagle Pass, Tex.:*

Proceed immediately to El Paso and assume temporary charge of station. Alexander directed to report to you. Wertenbaker will remain a day or so to post you on situation.

WYMAN.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *October 13, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Order received. Will depart to-morrow morning.

LUMSDEN.

WASHINGTON, *October 13, 1903.*

WERTENBAKER, *Sheldon Hotel, El Paso, Tex.:*

Lumsden ordered to El Paso to assume temporary charge of station. Alexander directed to report to him. Instruct Lumsden on all points mentioned in your correspondence.

WYMAN.

*Yellow fever at Laredo and vicinity.*

LAREDO, TEX., *October 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Usual continual run confirmed 20 cases. Doctor McKnight will recover.

MURRAY.

EL PASO, TEX., *October 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, Washington:

Arrived El Paso this morning. Address Shelden Hotel.

WERTENBAKER.

EL PASO, TEX., *October 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, Washington:

See my report this station last March for general conditions. Consular certificates and personal statements of passengers being accepted as to previous movements. \* \* \* Recommend authority to nominate acting assistant to help Alexander and make careful inspection on train before reaching Juarez. Think no trouble to arrange such inspection. \* \* \*

WERTENBAKER.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, Washington:

At Tabor's request have lent him additional camp outfit. A small camp is to be established on Texas-Mexican road.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, Washington:

New cases reported to-day, 25; deaths, 1; houses disinfected, 19, with 72 rooms. The situation is discouraging. Circumstances are such that it is impossible to make mosquito disinfection effective. Am pushing it, however, giving particular attention to oiling stagnant water in infected districts.

GUITERAS.

WASHINGTON, *October 9, 1903.*

GUITERAS, Laredo, Tex.:

In spite of discouraging situation due to prevalence of fever before you took hold, Bureau approves your determination to continue in present efforts. Am informed that in eliminating yellow fever from Habana not only patients and suspects were screened, but general encouragement was given to citizens to protect themselves by netting. You must not expect results too soon.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 9, 1903.*

WYMAN, Washington:

New cases reported to-day 29, deaths none, houses disinfected 18 with 70 rooms. Started with an oiling gang this morning, with the following results: Eighty-three premises inspected, covering 24 city blocks; oiled 126 water containers, 3 excavations, 6 wells, and 6 premises sprinkled. This is excellent work. Heretofore oiling has

been done by the disinfecting sections. Am convinced that cases are being reported that are not yellow fever. Unfortunately Murray can not see all the cases to determine diagnosis.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 9, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Confirmed 15, ruled out others; visited Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo last night and to-day.

MURRAY.

WASHINGTON, *October 9, 1903.*

Dr. J. H. PURNELL, *Vicksburg, Miss.:*

Thanks for your valuable assistance and services, which terminated evening of the 8th.

WYMAN, *Surgeon-General.*

WASHINGTON, *October 10, 1903.*

GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Hereafter with your daily report of cases wire minimum temperature during previous night and maximum shade temperature of day for which report is made.

WYMAN.

WASHINGTON, *October 10, 1903.*

GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.:*

If possible make arrangements for daily report of cases and deaths at Nuevo Laredo to be wired here.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 10, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases reported to-day, 20; deaths, 2; houses disinfected, 17, with 47 rooms; 182 containers, 2 wells, and excavations oiled; 9 premises sprinkled; 46 spigots put in water barrels; 110 premises inspected, covering 18 city blocks; temperature—maximum, 90°; minimum, 56°. Nuevo Laredo reports 7 new cases, 4 suspects, and 1 death. Reliable reports from Nuevo Laredo are difficult to obtain. Thanks for your encouraging telegram of last night.

GUITERAS.

WASHINGTON, *October 10, 1903.*

WERTENBAKER, *Sheldon Hotel, El Paso, Tex.:*

After completing duties assigned in two other telegrams this date, wire recommendations as to your return to New Orleans and await orders.

WYMAN.

WASHINGTON, *October 10, 1903.*

WERTENBAKER, *Sheldon Hotel, El Paso, Tex.:*

Submit nomination and place on duty acting assistant to Assistant Alexander, as per your telegram, at \$5 per day temporary. Have him report to Alexander.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 11, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Nine confirmations, two undecided; many visits. Consul Garrett critically ill. Have seen him twice to-day and go again to-night.

MURRAY.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 11, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases reported to-day, 18; deaths, 1; houses disinfected, 14, with 48 rooms; 138 containers and 8 wells oiled and 8 premises sprinkled; 34 spigots put in water barrels; 94 premises, covering 15 city blocks, inspected; maximum temperature, 91°; minimum, 64°. New Laredo reports 1 new case and 1 death; remaining on hand, 9 cases and 5 suspects, the report from New Laredo refers only to cases in hospital. Twenty-nine cases reported yesterday evening, Minera. Ordered Dinwiddie to Minera to screen and disinfect; all expenses borne by coal company. History of case posted yesterday near Encinal makes it probable that cause of death was not yellow fever.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 12, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases to-day, 35; deaths, none; houses disinfected, 19, with 77 rooms; 204 containers, 5 wells, and 7 excavations oiled; 72 spigots put in water barrels; 147 premises, covering 13 city blocks, inspected; maximum temperature, 88°; minimum, 68°. Nuevo Laredo reported 7 new suspicious cases—no deaths. Dinwiddie returned to-day and reported about 50 new cases at Minera in the past forty-eight hours.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 12, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Confirmed 15 cases, many in previously infected houses.

MURRAY.

LOREDO, TEX., *October 13, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases to-day, 28; deaths, 4; the diagnoses in 2 of the new cases reported were not concurred in by Murray and myself. Twenty houses disinfected, with 82 rooms; 186 containers and 1 well oiled,

premises sprinkled, and 143 inspected. Maximum temperature 87, minimum 54. Nuevo Laredo reports 5 new cases and 1 death.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., October 14, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

New cases to-day, 27; deaths, 2; houses disinfected, 24, with 87 rooms; 199 containers and 2 excavations oiled, 26 premises sprinkled, 140 premises inspected. Twenty-six city blocks and intervening streets covered. Maximum temperature, 86; minimum, 53. New Laredo, 6 new cases, 1 death; no report from Minera.

GUITERAS.

*Report of inspection at Laredo, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton and Surgeon Guiteras report October 4 as follows:

Four weeks ended October 3, 1903.	Sept. 12.	Sept. 19.	Sept. 26.	Oct. 3.
Trains inspected.....	7	7	7	7
Passengers inspected.....	294	285	339	141
Persons detained.....				3
Immigrants inspected.....	14	25	19	3
Immigrants detained.....				
Passengers detained.....	17	6		
Persons vaccinated.....		4		
Pullman cars fumigated.....	7	0		
Pullman cars inspected.....		7		
Pullman cars disinfected.....			7	7
Trunks disinfected.....				1

*Report of conditions existing in San Antonio, Tex., and vicinity with relation to preventing spread of yellow fever.*

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., October 5, 1903.

SIR: I have the honor to submit a report of the conditions existing in and south of San Antonio, and of the work done up to the present time.

San Antonio was reached on the morning of October 2, 1903, and as soon as practicable I visited the local health authorities, and Doctor Nolte, of the Louisiana State board of health, that I might acquaint myself with the situation as regards yellow fever and quarantines.

From the health authorities I learned that as soon as the first cases of fever had been announced in Laredo a quarantine was put on against passengers and baggage coming from that point, and officers met the incoming train and prevented passengers disembarking. Measures were also taken to prevent those who had gone north from coming back to the city until five days had expired since leaving the fever district, and as far as possible those who had come into the city were located and kept under observation. Besides quarantining Laredo, a quarantine was declared against those counties which had failed to close their doors against the infected center.